

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated as follows:

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A barrier section, comprising:
a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections at each end; and,

U/ a comparatively wide base portion including, at a female end of said barrier section, a nose having a surface that is a surface of rotation ~~[[for]]~~ of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion and, at a male end, a correspondingly shaped cavity for allowing said female end of said barrier section to be brought up to a male end of an additional barrier section, said additional barrier section having a structure substantially identical to that of said barrier section, with said projections at said female end of said barrier section, and at said male end of said additional barrier section, being mated with one another for enabling a hinge pin to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said additional barrier section, so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said additional section together, with said nose being accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity for preventing any gap between said comparatively wide base portion of said barrier section and a comparatively wide base portion of said addi-

tional barrier section, said gap being prevented irrespective of angle of articulation existing between said barrier section and said additional barrier section, said angle of articulation being an angle at which said barrier section and said additional barrier section are situated relative to one another following articulation to each other.

19. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 18, wherein for each said projection at a first end of said barrier section, a corresponding recess is provided at a second end thereof, with said first end and said second end being at opposite ends of said barrier section.

20. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 19, wherein each said projection has a surface that is a surface of rotation and a corresponding recess having a corresponding shape.

21. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 20, wherein said surface of rotation of each said projection is substantially part-cylindrical.

22. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 18, wherein each said projection of said barrier section and said additional barrier section includes a bore and, when said female end of said barrier section is brought up to said male end of said additional barrier sec-

tion, so that said nose is accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity, the bores in each said projection are aligned for allowing the hinge pin to be passed through the bores for articulating said barrier section and said additional barrier section together.

23. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 22, wherein said nose includes a bore allowing the hinge pin to pass through the bore of said nose.

24. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 18, wherein said comparatively narrow upright portion has at least one opening in a side thereof.

25. (currently amended) A modular barrier, comprising:
a plurality of barrier sections; and,
hinge pins for articulating a barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections with an adjacent barrier section for forming said modular barrier, with each said barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections including:

a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections at each end; and,

a comparatively wide base portion including, at a female end of said barrier section, a nose having a surface that is a surface of rotation ~~[[for]]~~ of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion and, at a male end, a correspondingly shaped cavity for allowing said female end of said barrier section to

be brought up to a male end of an adjacent barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections, each of said adjacent barrier sections having a substantially identical structure with said barrier section, with said projections at said female end of said barrier section, and at said male end of said adjacent barrier section, being mated with one another for enabling a hinge pin of said hinge pins to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section, so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section together, with said nose being accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity for preventing any gap between said comparatively wide base portion of said barrier section and a comparatively wide base portion of said adjacent barrier section, said gap being prevented irrespective of angle of articulation existing between said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section, said angle of articulation being an angle at which said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section are situated relative to one another following articulation to each other.

26. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 25, wherein said hinge pin includes a male thread engagable with a female thread in a dome-shaped cap,

said nose of each said barrier section having a dome-shaped recess for accommodating said dome-shaped cap.

27. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 25, further comprising tension straps for holding together said adjacent barrier sections, said tension straps encircling said adjacent barrier sections and crossing from a first side of each said barrier section to a second side between said adjacent barrier sections.

28. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 27, wherein said comparatively narrow upright portion of each said barrier section has grooves for accommodating said tension straps.

29. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 25, further comprising at least one male end piece and at least one female end piece.

30. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 25, wherein for each said projection at a first end of each said barrier section, a corresponding recess is provided at a second end thereof, with said first end and said second end being at opposite ends of each said barrier section.

31. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 30, wherein each said projection has a surface that is a surface of rotation and a corresponding

recess having a corresponding shape.

32. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 31, wherein said surface of rotation of each said projection is substantially part-cylindrical.

33. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 25, wherein each said projection of each said barrier section and each said adjacent barrier section includes a bore and, when said female end of said barrier section is brought up to said male end of said adjacent barrier section, so that said nose is accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity, the bores in each said projection are aligned for allowing said hinge pin to be passed through the bores for articulating each said barrier section and each said adjacent barrier section together.

34. (currently amended) A modular barrier, comprising:
a plurality of barrier sections, with each barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections including:

a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections at each end; and,

a comparatively wide base portion including, at a female end of said barrier section, a nose having a surface that is a first surface of rotation of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion and, at a male end, a cavity having a surface that is a second surface of rotation, wherein for each said

barrier section there is an additional barrier section, so that when said female end of said barrier section is placed up to a male end of said additional barrier section, said projections of said female end of said barrier section, and of said male end of said additional barrier section, mate with one another for enabling a hinge pin to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said additional barrier section, so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said additional barrier section together, with said nose being accommodated in said cavity for preventing any gap between said comparatively wide base portion of said barrier section and a comparatively wide base portion of said additional barrier section as said barrier section and said additional barrier section are articulated relative to one another about the hinge pin, said gap being prevented irrespective of angle of articulation existing between said barrier section and said additional barrier section, said angle of articulation being an angle at which said barrier section and said additional barrier section are situated relative to one another following articulation to each other.

35. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 34, wherein each said barrier section of

said plurality of barrier sections is substantially identical in construction to one another.

D1 36. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 34, wherein said barrier section and said additional barrier section are substantially identical in construction to one another.

37. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 34, wherein each said projection has a surface that is a surface of rotation and a corresponding recess having a corresponding shape.